

In 1875, when it became apparent that the Democratic party was about to combine with all the elements of opposition to his administration, and make a strenuous effort to gain control of the State, Governor Ames made his first preparation in the Legislature for its defeat by the passage of a law known as the "Gallatin bill." This is described in the testimony of E. Barnesdale, page 1.

Q. You spoke of the "Gallatin bill," what was that?

A. I have, I think, a synopsis of the bill.

"Section 2 of the bill empowered the Governor to call out the militia, to be composed of the militia, two regiments of ten companies each, and to organize a corps of select officers and men from the militia to send with the said guns."

"That was passed by the Legislature with amendments, and on the 1st of January, 1875, the law is not in force."

Q. It was passed the spring before the election?

A. Yes, sir; it was called the "Gallatin bill," because it was the purpose of the bill to call out the militia, and they were regarded as weapons of very terrible destructive qualities. The appropriation for carrying out the purpose of the Gallatin bill was \$50,000.

Q. \$50,000 were authorized to be expended for military supplies and munitions of war?

A. The next was his application to the Secretary of War at Washington for the State's quota of arms. (See testimony, page 1, and the accompanying papers and applications of A. G. Packard, adjutant-general, organizing the State militia for active duty.)

A. While matters were in a condition of profound peace here, through those causes of discontent existed to which I have referred and which are stated in the tax payer's memorial and in the resolutions of the Republican club here in the city of Jackson, Governor Ames, after the passage of the law which was known as the "Gallatin bill," as if preparing for war, addressed a letter to the Secretary of War inquiring about Mississippi's quota of arms. A copy of that letter I have here:

May 25, 1875.

SIR: By direction of his excellency, A. Ames, Governor of Mississippi, I have the honor to apply to you for the statement of arms and other military property issued to this State since 1860, under act of Congress April 23, 1868, and the amendments thereto.

A communication to the Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C., has been received, in which the State of Mississippi is charged under the provisions of an act approved March 3, 1875, with the sum \$170,107 31, and with the sum \$1,967 00. The records of this office do not show the amounts of the appropriation for the different years, and having no data to furnish I respectfully apply to you to furnish it.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

A. G. PACKARD, Adjutant-General.

The Hon. Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

That was a letter written on the 25th of May, 1875.

On the 24th of June, before the political canvass opened, Governor Ames addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Ordnance Department as follows:

June 2, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to respectfully acknowledge for a price list of ordnance and ordnance stores as issued from your office, also a book of forms used in the Department, if any change has been made since the publication of the regulations, 1863.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. G. PACKARD, Adjutant-General.

Brigadier-General S. V. Brad, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

Q. What do you know of any military preparation made by Governor Ames early in the canvass, and prior to the election of any of these disturbances?

A. As I have stated, and cited the letters showing he was making military preparations. These I have an order-book, issued from the Ordnance Department, dated May 1, 1875, announcing office of the Mississippi State militia, during the months of February, March and April, 1875.

"STATE OF THE COMMISSIONERS-CHIEF."

"Brigadier-General Albert G. Packard, of Holmes county, adjutant-general, February 25, 1875."

"Lieutenant-Colonel Omar S. Lee, of Holmes county, aide-de-camp, February 25, 1875."

A gentleman who has since proved a defaulter to a very large amount in the county of Holmes, and has fled the State, and his whereabouts are not known.

"Lieutenant-Colonel James J. Spill, of Madison county, aide-de-camp, February 25, 1875."

Fourth Division.

"Brigadier-General William Gray, of Washington county, February 25, 1875."

"General Brown, colonel First Regiment Infantry, February 25, 1875."

"Major-General State militia, Alexander Warner of Madison county, February 25, 1875."

These gentlemen were all members of the Republican party. The General Warner was the chairman of the Republican State executive committee.

Of these, Spellan, Gray and Brown were colored men; no Democrats among them.

After the Clinton riot Governor Ames proceeded to perfect the military organization which had been ordered by law; and in the county of Hinds, under authority known as the "Gallatin bill," on the 24th of September, ordered one thousand Springfield breech-loading muskets to be purchased and directed to the adjutant-general of this post. After the receipt of these arms they were issued to companies in this county of Hinds, as follows:

On the 21st of October, eighty guns, with accoutrements, were issued to Captain Charles Caldwell, (colored.)

On the 24th of October, to the same person, one hundred and thirty guns, with accoutrements.

On the 6th of October, forty-seven issued to Captain John W. Clingan, (white.)

On the 7th of October, eighty stand of arms to Green Taylor, (colored,) with accoutrements.

On the 9th of October, eighty issued to Ed. L. Gillin, (colored,) with accoutrements.

On the 9th of October, 1875, stand of arms issued to Geo. D. Nixon, (white,) with accoutrements.

On the 10th, eighty issued to W. C. Moore, with accoutrements.

On the 11th, sixty issued to Oliver Cromwell, (colored,) with accoutrements.

On the 12th, fifty issued to Oliver Cromwell, (colored,) with accoutrements, ammunition, &c., to five negro companies in the county of Hinds, and two white companies.

Almost without exception the appointments were from the Republican party. I do not think of an exception in the military appointments, and two thirds of the companies, that were commissioned in the military service, were taken from that party. Probably half were commanded by colored officers.

The following is a full list of the appointments:

FIRST DIVISION.—Brigadier-General William F. Simmon, of Lee county, March 4, 1875.

SECOND DIVISION.—Brigadier-General Marvin Campbell, of DeSoto county, March 4, 1875.

THIRD DIVISION.—Brigadier-General N. B. Bridges, of Oktobee county, March 4, 1875; Hinds county, Samuel F. Steele, colonel First Regiment Infantry, March 10, 1875; Jasper county, Newton Knight, colonel First Regiment Infantry, March 10, 1875; Bolivar county, W. A. Monroe, captain Columbus Light Artillery, March 17, 1875; Grenada county, C. P. Lincoln, colonel First Regiment Infantry, April 12, 1875; First Regiment Infantry, April 12, 1875.

By order of the commander-in-chief, A. G. PACKARD, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS STATE OF MISS., ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, JACKSON, October 1, 1875.

[General Orders No. 3.]

The following named officers have been appointed in the Mississippi State militia during the month of May, 1875.

WILKINSON COUNTY.—William H. Noble, colonel First Regiment Infantry.

By order of the commander-in-chief, A. G. PACKARD, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS STATE OF MISS., ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, JACKSON, October 1, 1875.

[General Orders No. 8.]

The following named officers have been appointed in the Mississippi State militia during the month of June, 1875.

LOUISIANA COUNTY.—M. A. Brownlee, captain Company A, First Regiment Infantry; T. H. Smith, first lieutenant Company A, First Regiment Infantry; D. P. Moody, second lieutenant Company A, First Regiment Infantry.

The following resignation in the Mississippi State militia has been accepted during the month of June, 1875:

Grenada County.—June 17, 1875, First Regiment Infantry, C. P. Lincoln, colonel.

By order of the commander-in-chief, A. G. PACKARD, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS STATE OF MISS., ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, JACKSON, October 1, 1875.

[General Orders No. 7.]

The following named officers have been appointed in the Mississippi State militia during the months of August and September, 1875.

WARREN COUNTY.—William French, colonel Fourth Regiment Infantry, August 12, 1875.

Fifth Division.—Brigadier-General William F. Fitzgerald, of Hinds county, September 15, 1875.

Fifth Division.—Staff of brigadier-general—John D. Beard, assistant adjutant-general, September 22, 1875; Wirt Johnston, assistant surgeon-general, with rank of Major, Hinds county, September 24, 1875; William R. Davol, assistant quartermaster, with rank of Captain, Warren county, September 27, 1875; John J. Kolbacher, aide-de-camp, with rank of captain, Hinds county, September 27, 1875; Marion Smith, aide-de-camp, with rank of captain, Hinds county, September 27, 1875.

WARREN COUNTY.—R. J. Temple, captain Company A, Second Regiment Infantry, September 27, 1875.

Staff of major-general—R. B. Sullivan, colonel adjutant-general, with rank of colonel, Bolivar county, September 24, 1875; William H. Compton, assistant surgeon-general, with rank of lieutenant-colonel, Hinds county, September 24, 1875.

Hinds County.—John W. Clingan, captain Company A, First Regiment Infantry, September 25, 1875; John C. Rieti, first lieutenant Company A, First Regiment Infantry, September 25, 1875; Matt F. Ash, second lieutenant Company A, First Regiment Infantry, September 25, 1875; Charles Caldwell, captain Company A, Second Regiment Infantry, September 25, 1875; Green Taylor, captain Company B, Second Regiment Infantry, September 25, 1875; John P. Duncan, second lieutenant Company B, Second Regiment Infantry, September 25, 1875; Nathaniel D. Sneed, colonel Second Regiment Infantry, September 27, 1875.

Leflore county.—Victor W. Thompson, colonel First Regiment Infantry, September 27, 1875.

First Division.—Staff of brigadier-general—John C. Heideberg, assistant adjutant-general, with rank of major, Lee county, September 30, 1875; Clinton C. Jones, assistant captain, Lee county, September 30, 1875; Joseph M. Byrum, assistant surgeon-general, with rank of major, Alcorn county, September 30, 1875; Henry C. Spencer, aide-de-camp, with rank of captain, Lee county, September 30, 1875; Green M. Maddox, aide-de-camp, with rank of captain, Tippah county, September 30, 1875.

By order of the commander-in-chief, A. G. PACKARD, Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS STATE OF MISS., ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, JACKSON, November 1, 1875.

[General Orders No. 8.]

The following named officers have been appointed in the State militia during the month of October, 1875:

SIXTH DIVISION.—Brigadier-General Harris P. Hurst, of Pike county, October 2, 1875.

SIXTH DIVISION.—Staff of brigadier-general—James C. Lanin, adjutant-general, with rank of major, Pike county, October 2, 1875; Frank Strong, assistant surgeon-general, with rank of major, Amite county, October 2, 1875; Charles P. Hosmer, aide-de-camp, with rank of captain, Pike county, October 2, 1875.

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Warren county.—Adam Bowie, captain Company A, Second Regiment Infantry, October 5, 1875.

Hinds county.—William C. M. Kelly, captain Company D, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; John W. Clingan, first lieutenant Company D, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; Robert Williams, second lieutenant Company E, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; George D. Nixon, captain Company B, First Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; William Williams, second lieutenant Company D, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; E. L. Gillin, captain Company E, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; Thomas Stevens, first lieutenant Company E, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; Robert Williams, second lieutenant Company E, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; George D. Nixon, captain Company B, First Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; William Williams, second lieutenant Company D, Second Regiment Infantry, October 7, 1875; E. L. 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